

ABSTRACT

An electronic data management apparatus is provided storing a control program that is automatically installed in an electronic computer when the apparatus is connected thereto and that can control data in the computer. The
5 electronic data management apparatus 1 has a first memory 6 storing user data, an authentication database 11 having identification data registered therein, an input section 3 for entering authentication information about a user, an
10 authentication module 12 that performs authentication of the user by comparing data entered from the input section 3 with the identification data registered in the authentication database 11, a USB connector 4 connected to an electronic computer to transmit and receive the data,
15 and a second memory 7 storing a control program. After user authentication, the control program is installed in the computer, and a switch 10 switches from the second memory 7 to the first memory 6, thereby enabling the user data to be read from the computer.